## PATENT COOPERATION TREATY

# **PCT**

### INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

(PCT Article 18 and Rules 43 and 44)

| Applicant's or agent's file reference 101182-13-CI   |   | FOR FURTHER ACTION   | see Notification of Transmittal of International Search Repo<br>(Form PCT/ISA/220) as well as, where applicable, item 5<br>below. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|--|---|--|---|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| International application No. PCT/US03/23311   |   | International filing date (day/month/year) 24 July 2003 (24.07.2003) |   | (Earliest) Priority Date (day/month/year) 26 March 2003 (26.03.2003) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Applicant GNESYS, INC.   |   |  |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| This international search report has been prepared by this International Searching Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 18. A copy is being transmitted to the International Bureau.  This international search report consists of a total of sheets.  It is also accompanied by a copy of each prior art document cited in this report. |   |  |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| <ol> <li>Basis of the Report         <ul> <li>a. With regard to the language, the international search was carried out on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.</li> </ul> </li> </ol>   |   |  |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ъ.   | the international search was carried out on the basis of a translation of the international application furnished to this Authority (Rule 23.1(b)).  b. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, the international search was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing: |  |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | contained in the international  | d application in written form.                                       |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | filed together with the interr  | national application in computer rea                                 | dable form  | 1.   |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | furnished subsequently to th  | is Authority in written form.  |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form.  |   |  |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | the statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.  |  |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | the statement that the information been furnished.  | ation recorded in computer readabl                                   | e form is i   | dentical to the written sequence listing has                         |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2.   | Certain claims were found   | unsearchable (See Box I).  |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3.   | Unity of invention is lacking   | g (See Box II).  |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 4. With 1  | regard to the title,  | Sand beather and the   |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | the text is approved as subm  |  |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | the text has been established   | by this Authority to read as follow                                  | s:  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 5. With regard to the abstract,  |   |  |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.   |  |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | the text has been established, according to Rule 38.2(b), by this Authority as it appears in Box III. The applicant may, within one month from the date of mailing of this international search report, submit comments to this Authority.  |  |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 6. The fi  | gure of the drawings to be put  | olished with the abstract is Figure N                                | Vo. <u>1</u>  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |   | is suggested by the applicant. None of the figures                   |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $\boxtimes$  | because the applicant failed  | to suggest a figure.   |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | because this figure better ch   | because this figure better characterizes the invention.              |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Form PCT/ISA/210 (first sheet) (July 1998)

### INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International application No.

PCT/US03/23311

| Box III TEXT OF THE ABSTRACT | (Continuation of Item 5 of the first sheet) |
|------------------------------|---|
|------------------------------|---|

The Abstract of the Disclosure was missing. (PCT Rule 8).

#### **NEW ABSTRACT**

Hydrocyclone (1) for separating an input stream (8) of two immiscible liquids having a stream inlet (18) an inner shell (3) and an outer shell (4) concentric with the longitudinal axis (5) of the hydrocyclone (1), a cyclone chamber is defined by the shells (3,4), encircles the axis (5) and has an entrance (7), an expansion chamber (9) which reduces the velocity of the input stream (8) by the time it reaches the entrance (7) is between the stream inlet (18) and the entrance (7). The dimensions of the hydrocyclone are selected so that the hydrocyclone (1) has a radius not more than 30% greater than the radius of the outer shell (4) and lies within a circle in a plane perpendicular to and centered on the axis (5), therefore the hydrocyclone (1) can be readily lowered into a well casing (2) in the ground.

Form PCT/ISA/210 (continuation of first sheet(2)) (July 1998)

#### INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International application No.

PCT/US03/23311

| A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER  IPC(7) : B01D 17/038; E21B 43/38:  US CL : 55/396, 399, 456, 459.1, 459.3; 96/209, 212, 216; 210/170, 416.1, 416.5, 512.1, 788;  According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC |   |                                      |  |                                  |  |  |  |  |  |
|---|---|--------------------------------------|--|----------------------------------|--|--|--|--|--|
| B. FIELDS SEARCHED  |   |                                      |  |                                  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols) U.S.: 55/396, 399, 456, 459.1, 459.3; 96/209, 212, 216; 210/170, 416.1, 416.5, 512.1, 788;  |   |                                      |  |                                  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched   |   |                                      |  |                                  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)  |   |                                      |  |                                  |  |  |  |  |  |
| C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT  |   |                                      |  |                                  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Category *  | Citation of document, with indication, where a  |                                      |  | Relevant to claim No.            |  |  |  |  |  |
| Α   | US 6,019,825 A (GREENE et al.) 01 February 20   | 1-29                                 |  |                                  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Α   | US 5,431,228 A (WEINGARTEN et al.) 11 July 1  | 1-29                                 |  |                                  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Α   | US 5,296,153 A (PEACHEY) 22 March 1994 (22.   | 1-29                                 |  |                                  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Α   | US 2,147,671 A (PRATT) 21 February 1939 (21.0   | 1-29                                 |  |                                  |  |  |  |  |  |
|   |   |                                      |  |                                  |  |  |  |  |  |
|   |   |                                      |  | ·                                |  |  |  |  |  |
|   | •   |                                      | j  |                                  |  |  |  |  |  |
|   |   |                                      |  |                                  |  |  |  |  |  |
|   |   |                                      |  |                                  |  |  |  |  |  |
|   |   |                                      |  | İ                                |  |  |  |  |  |
|   |   |                                      |  |                                  |  |  |  |  |  |
|   |   |                                      |  |                                  |  |  |  |  |  |
|   | •   |                                      | ·  |                                  |  |  |  |  |  |
|   |   |                                      |  |                                  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Further   | documents are listed in the continuation of Box C.  |                                      | See patent family annex.   |                                  |  |  |  |  |  |
| * S <sub>1</sub>  | pecial categories of cited documents:   | "T"                                  | later document published after the inter   | national filing date or priority |  |  |  |  |  |
| "A" document defining the general state of the art which is not considered to be of particular relevance  |   |                                      | date and not in conflict with the application principle or theory underlying the inver-  | ntion                            |  |  |  |  |  |
| "E" carlier ap  | earlier application or patent published on or after the international filing date   |                                      | 'X" document of particular relevance; the claimed invention cannot be considered novel or cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is taken alone |                                  |  |  |  |  |  |
| establish t   | document which may throw doubts on priority claim(s) or which is cited to establish the publication date of another citation or other special reason (as specified) |                                      | "Y" document of particular relevance; the claimed invention cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is   |                                  |  |  |  |  |  |
| "O" document  | referring to an oral disclosure, use, exhibition or other means   |                                      | combined with one or more other such documents, such con<br>being obvious to a person skilled in the art   |                                  |  |  |  |  |  |
| "P" document<br>priority d  | published prior to the international filing date but later than the ate claimed   | document member of the same patent f | amity  |                                  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Date of the actual completion of the international search   |   |                                      | Date of mailing of the international search report   |                                  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 03 November 2003 (03.11.2003)   |   |                                      | 1.1  | DEC 2003                         |  |  |  |  |  |
| Name and mailing address of the ISA/US  |   |                                      | Authorized officer   |                                  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Mail Stop PCT, Attn: ISA/US Commissioner for Patents  |   |                                      | David A Reifsnyder   |                                  |  |  |  |  |  |
| P.O. Box 1450   |   |                                      | , 00,  |                                  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450<br>Facsimile No. (703)305-3230  |   |                                      | ne No. (703) 308-3601  | •                                |  |  |  |  |  |